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## THREE CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY IN SEPARATE CASES

## PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - In three unrelated cases, Hector Castellanos-Perdomo, 56, Honduras; and Moises Ortiz-Castenada, 28, Mexico, were charged today, and Francisco Garcia-Montalvo, 29, Mexico, was charged June 17, 2010, with illegal reentry into the United States after having been previously deported, following separate investigations by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The indictment against Castellanos-Perdomo alleges that he had previously been convicted of the felony crime of Continual Sexual Abuse in California in 1991, and been subsequently deported in 2000 back to Honduras. His conviction would mean he would never again be allowed to come back to the United States. Castellanos-Perdomo was purportedly found in Hamilton County on May 11, 2010.

The indictment against Ortiz-Castenada alleges that he was deported as an illegal alien from Arizona back to Mexico on May 16, 2002, June 18, 2002, July 18, 2002, February 28, 2003, April 5, 2004, April 19, 2004, and April 1, 2005. He was purportedly found in Bartholomew County on April 14, 2010.

The information against Garcia-Montalvo alleges that he was deported as an illegal alien back to Mexico on November 14, 2003, and November 19, 2008, after he had been convicted of the aggravated felony crimes of burglary in 2003, burglary in 2005, and illegal reentry in 2006 in the Southern District of Indiana. Conviction for any one of these crimes would mean he would never again be allowed to come back into the United States. Garcia-Montalvo was purportedly found in Hendricks County on May 24, 2010.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting each of the cases for the government, Castellanos-Perdomo and Garcia-Montalvo each face a maximum of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Ortiz-Castenada faces a maximum of two years in prison

and a \$250,000 fine. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge for each defendant. Each faces deportation at the end of his case.

An indictment or information is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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